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SUBJECT: VISIT CONCERNING STUDY OF USG RELATIONSHIP WITH  
PEOPLE'S TEMPLE IN GUYANA

1. THE SECRETARY HAS ASKED JOHN HUGH CRIMMINS AND  
STANLEY S. CARPENTER, BOTH RETIRED FSOS, TO CONDUCT A STUDY  
OF THE RELATIONSHIP OF THE DEPARTMENT AND EMBASSY  
GEORGETOWN WITH THE PEOPLE'S TEMPLE IN GUYANA AND WITH  
CONCERNED RELATIVES OF PEOPLE'S TEMPLE MEMBERS.

2. THE TERMS OF THE STUDY FOLLOW:

THIS STUDY IS INTENDED TO BE AN EXAMINATION OF ALL ASPECTS  
OF THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE PEOPLE'S TEMPLE  
AGRICULTURAL COMMUNITY IN GUYANA AND THE DEPARTMENT OF  
STATE AND THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN GEORGETOWN, GUYANA PRIOR  
TO THE INCIDENTS OF NOVEMBER 18.

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THE STUDY WILL ADDRESS THE FOLLOWING ISSUES IN PARTICULAR:

THE EXTENT OF THE DEPARTMENT'S AND THE EMBASSY'S KNOWLEDGE

OF THE ACTIVITIES AND PURPOSES OF THE PEOPLE'S TEMPLE

INTER-BUREAU AND INTER-AGENCY COORDINATION IN WASHINGTON

WITH REGARD TO MATTERS CONCERNING THE PEOPLE'S TEMPLE

IN GUYANA.

THE ACTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DEPARTMENT AND

THE EMBASSY WITH REGARD TO THE MEMBERS OF THE PEOPLE'S

TEMPLE IN GUYANA AND THE CONCERNED RELATIVES OF PEOPLE'S

TEMPLE MEMBERS.

THE PREPARATIONS MADE FOR CONGRESSMAN RYAN'S NOVEMBER

VISIT TO GUYANA.

BASED UPON EXISTING DOCUMENTS AND INTERVIEWS WITH DEPART-

MENT AND EMBASSY OFFICIALS, AND, AS NECESSARY, OFFICIALS

OF OTHER AGENCIES OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT, THE STUDY WILL

EXAMINE THE RELATIONSHIP OF THE DEPARTMENT AND THE

EMBASSY WITH THE PEOPLE'S TEMPLE IN GUYANA AND WITH CON-

CERNED RELATIVES OF PEOPLE'S TEMPLE MEMBERS FROM THE TIME

OF THE EMIGRATION OF MEMBERS OF THE TEMPLE TO GUYANA UNTIL

NOVEMBER 18, 1978.

THE STUDY AND ANY RECOMMENDATIONS ARISING FROM IT SHOULD

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BE SUBMITTED TO THE SECRETARY NO LATER THAN MARCH 1, 1979.  
3. AS PART OF THEIR STUDY, MESSRS. GRIMMINS AND CARPENTER  
WILL VISIT GUYANA IN ORDER TO INTERVIEW INDIVIDUALLY  
ALL MEMBERS OF THE EMBASSY HAVING KNOWLEDGE OF THE

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RELATIONSHIP. THEY ALSO WISH TO VISIT JONESTOWN, PREFER-  
ABLY ON FEBRUARY 7, RETURNING TO GEORGETOWN THE SAME DAY.  
THEY WILL NOT REPEAT NOT BE DISCUSSING STUDY WITH GOC  
OFFICIALS.

4. THEY PLAN TO ARRIVE IN GEORGETOWN ON PAA 227 ON  
FEBRUARY 4, DEPARTING GEORGETOWN ON PAA 228 ON FEBRUARY 9.  
RESERVATIONS ALREADY MADE.

5. PLEASE MEET, OBTAIN RESERVATIONS AT SUITABLE HOTEL FOR  
ADJOINING OR CONNECTING ROOMS, AND ARRANGE TRANSPORTATION  
TO AND FROM JONESTOWN. VANCE

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